

presumably represents have failed to respond.

In conclusion, the Associations argue that the Department should determine that a full review in this case was unnecessary and unwarranted.

Department's Position: We disagree. The Department's regulations do not require that the Department conduct an expedited review. Rather, the regulations provide that the Department *normally* will conduct an expedited review where it does not receive adequate response, where adequate response is described as responses from parties accounting for more than 50 percent of the volume of exports over the five years preceding initiation of the sunset review. The Department *must* conduct an expedited sunset review of a countervailing duty order only when the foreign government does not participate.

Unlike other countervailing duty investigations or reviews, where company-specific information is required in order to measure the amount of countervailable subsidy, the subsidy rate from the only program investigated over the life of this order has consistently been determined without the need for, or use of, company-specific information. Because adequacy determinations are made for the purpose of determining whether there is sufficient participation to warrant a full review, in a case such as this, where company-specific information provides no additional input into our determinations, we believe that requiring producer/exporter participation is not warranted. Therefore, in this sunset review, we continue to believe that the response of the EC forms an adequate basis for conducting a full review to determine whether revocation of the countervailing duty order on sugar from the EC will likely lead to continuation or recurrence of a countervailable subsidy and, if so, what the level of the net countervailable subsidy would be.

Final Results of Review

As a result of this review, the Department finds that revocation of the countervailing duty order would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of a countervailable subsidy for the reasons set forth in the preliminary results of review. For the reasons set forth in the preliminary results of review, we continue to determine the country-wide net countervailable subsidy in terms of cents per pound. However, for this final, we find the net countervailable subsidy likely to prevail if the order were revoked is 23.69 cents per pound.

Although qualifying as a countervailable export subsidy, Articles 3 and 6 of the Subsidies Agreement do not apply to the export restitution payments program under the EC's CAP.

This five-year ("sunset") review and notice are in accordance with sections 751(c), 752, and 777(i)(1) of the Act.

Dated: August 27, 1999.

Bernard T. Carreau,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) will convene a public meeting of the Florida/Alabama Habitat Protection Advisory Panel (AP).

DATES: The meeting will begin at a.m. on Tuesday, September 28, 1999 and conclude by p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Hilton Tampa Airport Westshore, 2225 Lois Avenue, Tampa, FL 33607; telephone: 813-877-6688.

Council address: Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 3018 U.S. Highway 301 North, Suite 1000, Tampa, FL 33619.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeff Rester, Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission; telephone: 228-875-5912.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Florida/Alabama group is part of a three unit Habitat Protection Advisory Panel of the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council. The principal role of the advisory panels is to assist the Council in attempting to maintain optimum conditions within the habitat and ecosystems supporting the marine resources of the Gulf of Mexico. Advisory panels serve as a first alert system to call to the Council's attention proposed projects being developed and other activities which may adversely impact the Gulf marine fisheries and their supporting ecosystems. The panels may also provide advice to the Council

on its policies and procedures for addressing environmental affairs.

At this meeting, the AP will discuss revision of the Council's Habitat Policy to include essential fish habitat (EFH) provisions, an update on EFH assessments in Council fishery management plan amendments, an update on the status of the EFH lawsuit, impact of two new gas pipelines between Mobile, AL and central Florida, status of the new marine reserves off the Florida panhandle, and an update on Alabama's expansion of their artificial reef zone.

Although other issues not on the agenda may come before the AP for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. The AP's actions will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda listed as available by this notice.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Anne Alford at the Council (see **ADDRESSES**) by September 21, 1999.

Dated: September 7, 1999.

Bruce C. Morehead,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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South Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a public meeting with the limited access permit holders in the golden crab fishery in the South Atlantic region.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Monday, September 27, 1999, from 1:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Best Western, 411 South Krome, Florida City, FL 33034; telephone: 305-246-5100.